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For: RECLAMATION OF MATERIALS IN A CLOSED ENVIRONMENT WITH
REMEDIAL WATER

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner of Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Preliminary to examination please amend the above-identified Application as set forth in the Amendments below and in the attached Marked Copy.

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Page 1, following the title, please insert the following:

--This application is a continuation of PCT/US00/09809 filed on May 17, 2000, which claims priority from U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/135,666 filed May 24, 1999, which is hereby incorporated by reference. --

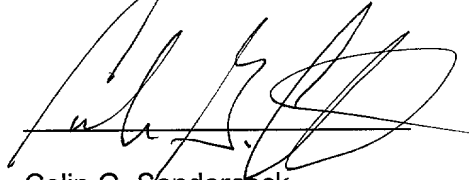
Remarks

Applicants respectfully request that the foregoing amendments be made prior to examination of the present application. A first office action on the merits is awaited.

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